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3/29/02**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mark UDEN et al.
Title: ANTI-VIRAL VECTORS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claims 5, 8, 11-14, 16-19 and 21 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

What Is Claimed Is:

B1 5. A system according to claim 1 wherein the viral vector is a retroviral vector.

B2 8. A system according to claim 5 wherein the polypeptide required for the assembly of viral particles is selected from gag, pol and env proteins.